

Subtitle E—Other Matters

SEC. 651. DISCRETIONARY ALLOTMENT OF PAY, INCLUDING RETIRED OR RETAINER PAY.

(a) ALLOTMENTS AUTHORIZED.—Section 701 of title 37, United States Code, is amended by striking out subsection (d) and inserting in lieu thereof the following new subsections:

Regulations. "(d) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps and a contract surgeon of the Army, Navy, or Air Force may make allotments from the pay of the member or surgeon for the purpose of supporting relatives or for any other purpose that the Secretary considers proper. Such allotments may include a maximum of six allotments considered to be discretionary under such regulations. For a member or former member entitled to retired or retainer pay, a maximum of six discretionary allotments authorized during active military service may be continued into retired status, and new discretionary allotments may be authorized so long as the total number of discretionary allotments does not exceed six.

"(e) If an allotment made under subsection (d) is paid to the allottee before the disbursing officer receives a notice of discontinuance from the officer required by regulation to furnish the notice, the amount of the allotment shall be credited to the disbursing officer. If an allotment is erroneously paid because the officer required by regulation to so report failed to report the death of the allotter or any other fact that makes the allotment not payable, the amount of the payment not recovered from the allottee shall, if practicable, be collected by the Secretary concerned from the officer who failed to make the report."

37 USC 701 note. (b) ISSUANCE OF REGULATIONS.—The Secretaries of the military departments shall prescribe regulations under subsection (d) of section 701 of title 37, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), not later than October 1, 1997.

SEC. 652. REIMBURSEMENT FOR ADOPTION EXPENSES INCURRED IN ADOPTIONS THROUGH PRIVATE PLACEMENTS.

(a) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—Section 1052(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking out "State or local government" and all that follows through the period at the end of the first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "qualified adoption agency"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(3) The term 'qualified adoption agency' means any of the following:

"(A) A State or local government agency which has responsibility under State or local law for child placement through adoption.

"(B) A nonprofit, voluntary adoption agency which is authorized by State or local law to place children for adoption.

"(C) Any other source authorized by a State to provide adoption placement if the adoption is supervised by a court under State or local law."

(b) COAST GUARD.—Section 514(g) of title 14, United States Code, is amended—